

Facilities

The roof of the library was shoveled on February 11 as the amount of snow had reached capacity.

Staff Development:

The Library hosted the Carroll County Library Co-op meeting on Monday, February 23. The program, presented by a reporter from the Conway Daily Sun, was on how to do successful press releases.

Two All-Staff-Workdays were scheduled during February, allowing staff to spend uninterrupted time working on special projects. Staff projects included making changes to the library's website (wolfeborolibrary.org) and taking online technology related classes through a special program arranged by the New Hampshire State Library. Through this program the Wolfeboro Library staff was able to take advantage of free access for two weeks to courses at Lynda.com. Classes taken included instruction on how to use Publisher, Word Press, social media marketing, and Mail Chimp.

Library Director Cindy Scott began a three week online class available through the American Library Association late in February. The class is an overview of the complex issues involved in dealing with copyright during the digital age.

Programming:

The library presented a total of 18 programs in February. Programs included the Lego club, book discussions, story times and a new play reading program. Two hundred nineteen people attended the various programs.

Statistics:

Weather has a major effect on the patterns of usage at the library and this February was no exception. The many storms and extreme cold weather caused usage to fluctuate widely from one day to the next. Overall circulation rates decreased by 7%, however the number of visitors to the library increased by 9%, and they asked 16% more questions than in February 2014. Usage of the Internet also increased by 12%. Over 5,700 people visited the library, they checked out 7,691 items, used the Internet 1,169 times and asked 517 reference questions.